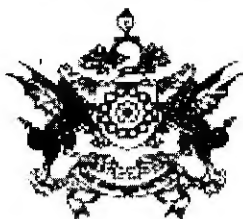


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NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the State Government has empowered the Block Development Officers with the powers of the Special Executive Magistrate under Section 21 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974) vide Notification No. 25/Home/2007 dated 03/04/2007 published in the Sikkim Government Gazette No. 139 dated 17th April, 2007, for the performance of the specific functions within their respective jurisdiction;

And whereas, the State Government considers it necessary and expedient to empower the Block Development Officers for the purpose of holding inquests in cases involving unnatural deaths or deaths under suspicious circumstances;

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (4) of section 174 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974), the State Government is hereby pleased to empower Block Development Officers to hold inquest in cases involving unnatural deaths or deaths under suspicious circumstances falling within their respective jurisdiction;

Furthermore, in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (1) of section 174 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974), the State Government is hereby pleased to empower the police official not below the rank of Assistant Sub-Inspector to receive information for the purpose of section 174 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

This Notification shall come into force with effect from the date of publication in the official gazettee.

By Order,

**V. B. Pathak, IAS
Chief Secretary
Government of Sikkim
File No. 252/DIGP/GR/2023**